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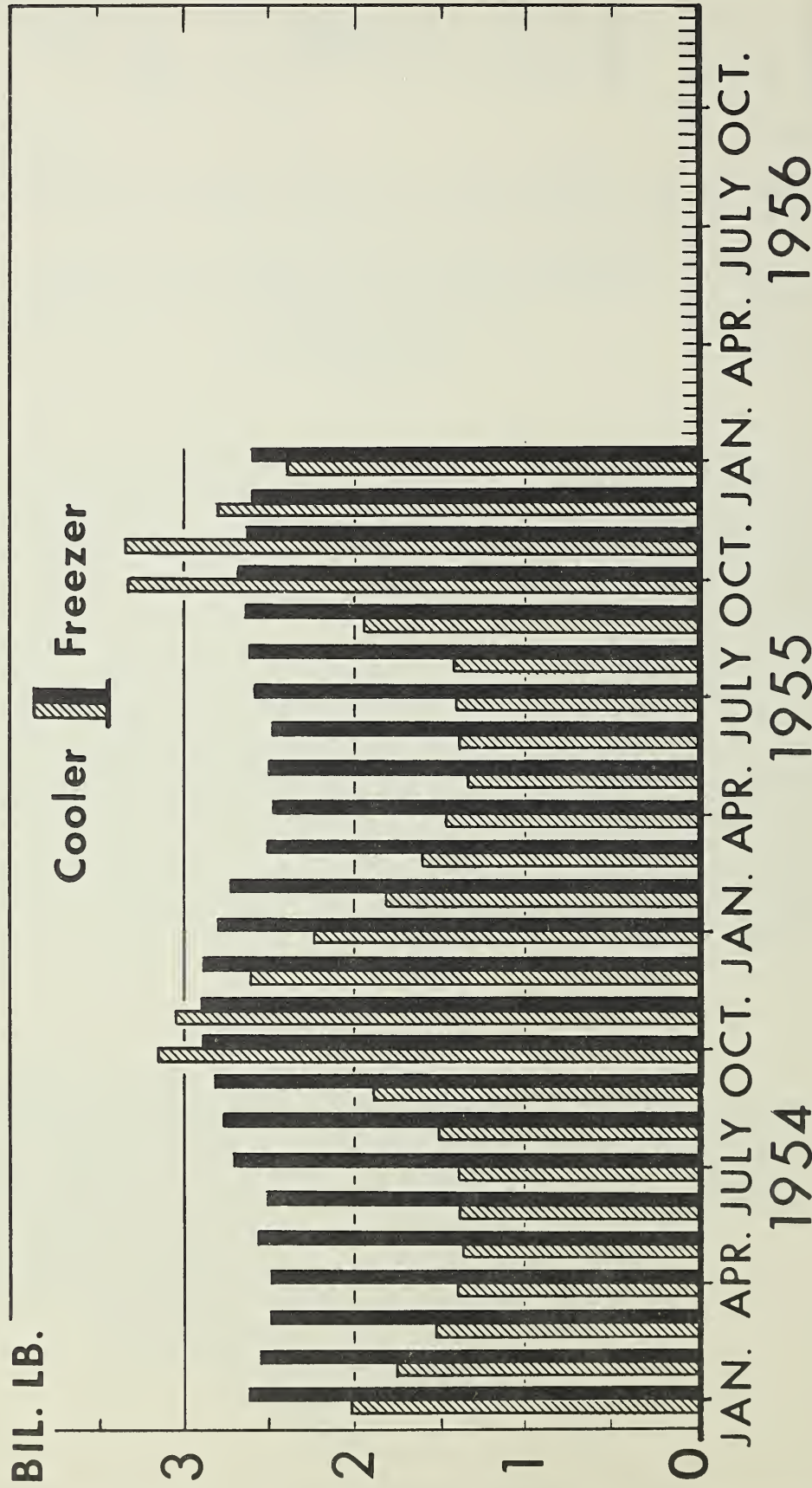
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NET WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES



COLD STORAGE REPORT

Analysis of holdings and space January 31, 1956

Data for this report are collected from public, private, and semiprivate warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants where food products are generally stored for 30 days or more. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All January 31 figures are preliminary.⁷

Commodity summary

Refrigerated stocks of frozen poultry totaled 215 million pounds on January 31, according to warehouse reports received by the Agricultural Marketing Service. Not since 1949 have holdings been as low for this time of year. By comparison, on January 31, 1955, about 251 million pounds were in storage while 273 million pounds are average (1951-55) for this date. Almost three times as much butter moved out of storage during January as during the 5-year average period. The 31 million pound decline left 132 million pounds in storage by the end of the month compared with 342 million this time last year and average January 31 stocks of 162 million pounds. Seasonal net reductions brought stocks of American cheese down to 461 million pounds or 6 percent under those of a year earlier. Frozen fruit stocks on January 31 were down 36 million pounds from the month before to total 384 million pounds. This compares with 348 million for this time last year and 311 million pounds which are average for this date. Seasonal net withdrawals of frozen vegetable stocks during January were greater than average by 12 million pounds. With holdings down 70 million pounds from the month before, current stocks totaled 554 million pounds. This time last year approximately 577 million pounds were in storage. Orange concentrate stocks were up significantly from the previous month. A net gain of 7 million gallons raised warehouse stocks to 22 million gallons by January 31--17 percent more than in 1955 and almost 60 percent greater than average. Above average, too, for this time of year were stocks of shell eggs at 296,000 cases and frozen eggs at 52 million pounds. Shell egg holdings were twice the average while frozen eggs were 15 percent greater. Red meat holdings on January 31 totaled 851 million pounds. They exceeded those of a year earlier by 12 million pounds but were under average by 88 million pounds.

Storage occupancy

Use of public refrigerated storage space declined more than usual during January. Cooler occupancy was down 4 points from the month before to 56 percent. The 5-year average decline for this time of year is 3 points. Freezer occupancy at 70 percent was down 2 points as compared with a usual decline of 1 point. Public cooler occupancy on January 31 was the lowest for this date since 1949 and the second lowest since 1942. January 31 freezer occupancy was the lowest for the date since 1943.

General commodity movement

Net weight of cooler-stored products declined 14 percent during January to total 2.4 billion pounds by the end of the month. Although strong seasonal gains were reported in stocks of fresh vegetables, dried and evaporated fruits, nuts, shell eggs, and selected meat products, they were more than counter-balanced by the total net withdrawals in stocks of fresh fruits, dairy products, dried eggs, beef, and miscellaneous cooler items. Warehouse stocks of freezer items were almost unchanged from the month before. January 31 holdings totaled 2.6 billion pounds as storage gains in stocks of juices and selected meat items were matched by the seasonal reductions in stocks of dairy, poultry, eggs, fruits, and vegetables.

Juices, fruits, and vegetables

The January build-up in orange concentrate stocks was 3 million gallons greater than average and 2 million gallons greater than last year. The January gain of 7 million gallons raised warehouse stocks to 22 million gallons--8 million gallons more than average. Seasonal net withdrawals brought frozen fruit holdings down

36 million pounds to 384 million pounds by January 31. These holdings were the largest on record for the date since 1947. This time last year, frozen fruit holdings amounted to 348 million pounds while the 1951-55 average is 311 million pounds. With the exception of frozen apples, which were increased by 6 million pounds during January, stocks of all fruit items fell off in amount varying from less than 500,000 pounds (apricots and plums and prunes) to 19 million pounds (strawberries). Stocks of apples and pears totaled 21 million bushels on January 31. Included in this total are stocks for canning which heretofore warehousemen were asked to exclude. Of the total bushels in storage, 20 million were fresh apples. Effective with this report, pears will be reported in terms of containers used and converted to bushel equivalents for purposes of comparison. Frozen vegetable holdings were down 70 million pounds from a month earlier to total 554 million pounds by January 31. This time last year stocks totaled 577 million pounds while the average for this date is 505 million pounds. Stocks of mixed vegetables, peas and carrots, mixed, and French fries are now being reported separately for the first time. Because of late reporters, current holdings for these 3 items are incomplete as no estimates were made for missing firms.

Eggs, dairy, and poultry

Approximately twice as many shell eggs were in storage on January 31 as compared with the average for this date. Current holdings totaled 296,000 cases. A year earlier, 235,000 cases were in storage. More than two-thirds of the shell egg stocks were in Illinois. Frozen egg stocks declined more than usual during January to total 52 million pounds by the end of the month. The January decline of 23 million pounds compares with the January average decline of 12 million and 9 million this time last year. Current stocks were 22 percent under those of a year earlier but 15 percent above average. Above average reductions brought warehouse holdings of creamery butter down to 132 million pounds. January 31, a year ago, stocks totaled 342 million pounds. American cheese stocks fell off to 461 million pounds. While these holdings were almost 64 percent above average for January 31, they were 6 percent under the stocks of the year before. Warehouse holdings of frozen poultry were the lowest for this date since 1949 and the second lowest since 1943. Stocks during January were reduced by 13 million pounds--the average is 9 million--to bring total poultry stocks down to 215 million pounds compared with 251 million pounds in storage on January 31, 1955. Only 3 months ago, holdings of turkeys were the highest on record for the date but on January 31, 1956, stocks were the lowest for the month since 1949. Current holdings of 96 million pounds compare with 124 million a year earlier; the 5-year average for January 31 of 125 million pounds.

Meat and meat products

Storage gains in stocks of beef brought total holdings up to 210 million pounds by January 31. A year earlier, holdings totaled 175 million pounds while the average for this date is 214 million pounds. The seasonal gain in stocks of pork fell short of the usual January increased by 49 million pounds but exceeded that of last January by 9 million. Holdings of pork were increased by 61 million pounds during January which raised total stocks to 482 million pounds as compared with 573 million pounds, the 5-year average for January 31, and 501 million pounds in storage this time last year.

Storage outlook

Cooler and freezer occupancies were well below average on January 31 and both declined more than average during January. A continued decrease may be expected during February by as much as 3 or 4 points. Cooler occupancy may be as low as 52 percent and freezer occupancy, 67 percent.

TABLE 1. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general refrigerated warehouses

State or geographic region	Net piling space reported (1)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
	January 1956		January 1951-55 av.		January 1955		December 1955		January 1956 (2)	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	1,000 cu. ft.	1,000 cu. ft.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.	434	1,486	41	68	19	78	44	50	39	62
Massachusetts	2,521	5,918	42	87	41	95	46	90	46	88
R. I. and Connecticut	278	801	62	73	53	72	91	62	73	57
New England	3,233	8,205	44	83	38	90	50	80	47	80
New York	21,184	19,225	63	76	68	76	66	74	58	70
New Jersey	3,666	7,615	63	81	62	74	63	74	56	69
Pennsylvania	4,786	8,814	57	84	64	84	63	80	62	79
Middle Atlantic	29,636	35,654	61	79	66	77	65	75	59	72
Ohio	3,390	6,504	58	87	60	86	54	86	55	84
Indiana	708	2,060	64	85	80	82	61	72	56	73
Illinois	14,498	15,327	65	86	71	85	59	83	61	84
Michigan	3,934	4,175	69	85	71	81	62	71	52	67
Wisconsin	5,039	1,507	68	80	64	68	75	74	72	67
East North Central	27,569	29,573	65	85	69	83	62	80	61	80
Minnesota	1,341	4,954	63	87	64	89	69	75	67	72
Iowa	398	2,437	70	90	76	88	46	77	46	77
Missouri	4,758	7,373	67	79	66	84	66	75	64	71
Dakotas and Nebraska	637	4,483	62	89	72	84	44	76	52	76
Kansas	6,898	5,736	61	77	77	76	75	71	63	72
West North Central	14,032	24,983	65	84	72	84	69	75	63	73
Delaware, Maryland & D.C.	1,232	5,268	52	79	60	77	47	62	41	59
Virginia and West Va.	5,368	3,165	60	74	66	71	43	67	38	65
North and South Carolina	274	354	54	86	44	95	39	68	39	89
Georgia	3,490	2,204	71	87	75	80	83	88	80	87
Florida	1,219	7,037	60	68	51	55	52	40	49	44
South Atlantic	11,583	18,028	62	56	66	68	56	59	52	58
Kentucky	3/	3/	71	84	77	79	63	65	3/	3/
Tennessee	1,364	3,054	72	82	83	78	75	84	78	85
Alabama and Mississippi	742	840	76	89	75	88	77	68	54	76
East South Central	2,106	3,894	72	84	80	80	72	77	68	79
Arkansas	256	463	40	57	41	69	42	70	36	69
Louisiana	904	1,276	74	88	74	91	55	74	49	74
Oklahoma	587	1,298	59	82	42	79	67	70	62	66
Texas	6,518	7,323	61	58	51	52	65	51	65	55
West South Central	8,265	10,360	62	64	53	61	63	57	63	59
Mountain	1,330	4,650	57	78	63	81	60	79	60	76
Washington	2,002	7,866	49	58	39	52	39	51	34	42
Oregon	874	6,185	46	60	43	56	54	60	46	52
California	14,224	22,118	57	82	48	73	46	78	38	74
Pacific	17,100	36,169	55	72	47	66	45	69	38	63
United States (4)	114,854	171,516	62	79	63	76	60	72	56	70

(1) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held January 31, 1956.

(2) Preliminary

(3) Insufficient returns received from this State.

(4) Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

TABLE 2. -- End-of-month space and occupancy in public general warehouses in selected cities

City (1)	Net piling space reported (2)		Percentage of net piling space occupied							
			December 1954		January 1955		December 1955		January 1956	
	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.	Cooler Pct.	Freezer Pct.
New England:										
Boston	1,715	4,089	33	99	28	99	42	96	44	92
Middle Atlantic:										
New York	5,512	9,518	66	83	67	80	74	73	76	70
Jersey City	3,381	6,038	69	80	62	77	63	67	94	73
Buffalo	565	1,893	85	89	84	83	99	79	45	61
Rochester	6,707	2,355	73	66	61	62	54	64	70	77
Philadelphia	1,661	5,554	69	86	69	85	62	77	56	80
Pittsburgh	1,488	2,108	75	86	60	87	58	83	56	70
E. N. Central:										
Cleveland	2,077	2,631	65	96	66	90	48	84	57	81
Cincinnati	313	1,490	51	87	52	81	63	90	50	90
Chicago	11,318	14,496	68	93	71	86	59	83	59	83
Detroit	3,378	3,865	74	87	78	86	64	71	55	68
Milwaukee	647	886	75	65	74	66	86	93	83	92
W. N. Central:										
Minneapolis	878	2,549	63	90	75	92	70	74	69	77
St. Louis	2,075	3,508	62	88	63	89	62	84	65	81
Kansas City	1,594	5,324	63	83	65	85	63	80	60	78
South Atlantic:										
Baltimore & D. C. . .	1,208	5,121	65	84	61	77	47	62	40	59
Richmond	940	721	63	80	56	75	55	62	52	59
Norfolk	1,182	1,147	78	73	79	65	80	75	79	73
E. S. Central:										
Nashville	278	961	88	86	84	83	73	87	70	96
Memphis	339	1,348	67	80	69	68	66	84	81	84
W. S. Central:										
New Orleans	775	1,037	68	86	72	88	50	70	45	69
Dallas	3,704	4,295	50	46	48	46	60	46	62	49
Ft. Worth	980	1,124	49	53	48	57	71	49	68	57
Pacific:										
Seattle	1,044	1,838	49	73	47	66	49	63	41	55
Tacoma	353	1,984	12	47	14	44	8	52	10	39
Portland	399	3,598	48	68	51	57	41	61	42	52
Los Angeles	3,061	6,923	69	72	71	73	66	81	61	79
San Francisco	3,328	3,013	46	80	56	78	42	77	41	77
San Jose	2,877	3,264	32	71	25	63	33	78	19	69
Modesto	966	2,340	59	95	56	93	49	92	50	78

(1) Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25-mile radius of city named.

(2) Space reported to USDA and temperatures at which it was held January 31, 1956.

(3) Insufficient returns received from this city.

Table 3.—United States refrigerated net piling space capacity, October 1, 1953 1/

State or geographic region	Type of warehouse							
	Public general		Private & semiprivate general		Meat-packing plants		Apple houses	
	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.	Freezer 1,000 cu. ft.	Cooler 1,000 cu. ft.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	1,221	462	472	24	2/	2/	7	963
Massachusetts.....	7,539	2,845	650	545	2/	2/	14	2,309
Rhode Island & Conn.....	1,106	333	176	70	2/	2/	2	2,367
NEW ENGLAND.....	9,866	3,640	1,298	639	574	84	23	5,639
New York.....	19,477	22,852	1,886	2,993	560	3,452	401	14,558
New Jersey.....	12,138	4,711	505	292	281	103	35	1,984
Pennsylvania.....	8,668	6,267	1,113	1,009	117	864	124	3,641
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	40,283	33,830	3,504	4,294	958	4,419	560	20,183
Ohio.....	7,309	4,774	423	222	325	1,853	18	897
Indiana.....	1,831	644	518	403	312	445	-	443
Illinois.....	15,111	15,671	4,876	2,934	1,958	5,122	-	1,539
Michigan.....	5,308	4,096	1,752	1,461	227	847	{57	{2,475
Wisconsin.....	2,012	6,014	522	3,820	1,593	1,788		
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	31,571	31,199	8,091	8,840	4,415	10,055	75	5,354
Minnesota.....	5,001	1,085	1,152	97	1,648	1,577	-	-
Iowa.....	3,296	609	755	503	2,630	1,930	-	-
Missouri.....	8,340	5,165	232	305	956	2,234	2/	2/
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	4,148	732	1,533	439	2,652	4,300	-	-
Kansas.....	2,909	7,273	747	227	621	1,785	2/	2/
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	23,694	14,864	4,419	1,571	8,507	11,826	5	735
Delaware, Maryland & D. C..	7,132	872	272	119	2/	2/	-	986
Virginia and W. Virginia...	2,858	6,811	940	1,416	-	184	480	14,587
North and South Carolina...	694	482	347	214	2/	2/	9	326
Georgia.....	2,396	3,504	631	207	408	486	-	-
Florida.....	5,081	1,129	9,588	35	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	18,161	12,798	11,778	1,991	457	1,016	489	15,899
Kentucky.....	953	889	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
Tennessee.....	3,974	2,081	257	3	274	429	2/	2/
Alabama and Mississippi....	1,008	1,094	2/	2/	2/	2/	-	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	5,935	4,064	387	119	329	529	2/	2/
Arkansas.....	488	256	{540	{52	2/	2/	2/	2/
Louisiana.....	1,542	972			2/	2/	2/	2/
Oklahoma.....	1,120	602	100	103	809	1,790	-	-
Texas.....	9,755	4,102	219	714	1,014	1,486	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	12,905	5,932	859	869	1,846	3,280	2/	2/
MOUNTAIN.....	4,571	1,556	1,143	238	1,064	764	2/	2/
Washington.....	7,974	2,091	4,348	837	339	1,152	259	52,376
Oregon.....	6,845	2,039	3,234	820	{352	{1,664	-	6,489
California.....	21,756	12,198	3,759	11,936			831	6,097
PACIFIC.....	36,575	16,328	11,341	13,593	691	2,816	1,090	64,962
UNITED STATES.....	183,561	124,211	42,820	32,154	18,841	34,789	2,252	113,548

1/ Total storage capacity in the United States and the lowest temperature at which it could be held as reported by the latest biennial survey, October 1, 1953.

2/ Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual plant reports.

Table 4. — Net changes in storage holdings during January (1)

Cooler commodities	Holdings Jan. 31, 1956 1,000 lb.	January net change		Freezer commodities	Holdings Jan. 31, 1956 1,000 lb.	January net change	
		Quantity	Pct.			Quantity	Pct.
		1,000 lb.	Pct.			1,000 lb.	Pct.
Apples.....	982,560	-328,848	25	Cream.....	6,515	-1,523	19
Pears.....	59,900	-30,550	34	Butter, creamery..	131,805	-31,331	19
Other fresh fruits	61,504	-51,097	45	Eggs.....	51,588	-22,766	31
Fresh vegetables..	111,596	19,030	21	Poultry.....	215,177	-13,201	6
Dried & evap. fts.	37,493	6,117	19	Fruits.....	384,311	-35,781	9
Nuts & nut meats..	175,841	33,556	24	Juices.....	323,303	73,393	29
Cheese.....	487,907	-30,978	6	Vegetables.....	553,684	-70,365	11
Other dairy prod..	20,461	-22,192	52	Beef.....	200,819	4,570	2
Shell eggs.....	13,320	8,325	-	Veal.....	18,374	-626	3
Dried eggs.....	2,791	-1,152	29	Pork.....	387,169	58,045	18
Beef.....	8,993	-149	2	Lamb and mutton..	10,440	-190	2
Pork.....	94,383	2,691	3	Edible offal.....	67,846	-1,895	3
Sausage.....	8,901	1,152	15	Sausage.....	7,215	504	8
Canned meats.....	46,386	9,737	27	Miscellaneous....	244,923	1,177	-
Miscellaneous....	287,367	-12,258	4				
Total.....	2,399,403	-396,616	14	Total.....	2,603,169	-39,989	2

(1) For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

PERCENTAGE OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES

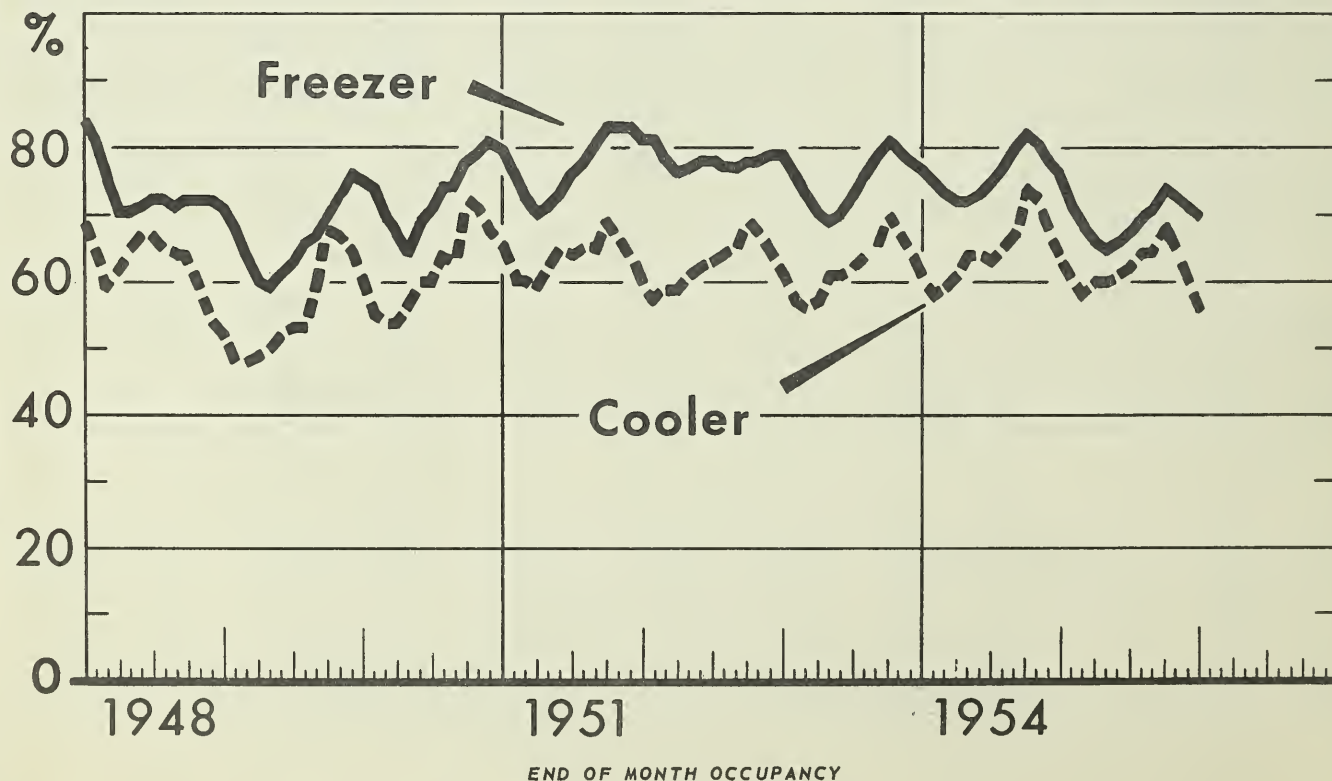


Table 5. -- End-of-month apple holdings, by States

State	January 1951-55 av.	January 1955	January 1956 (1)
	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>
Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut	984	949	1,264
New York.....	3,289	4,106	4,086
New Jersey.....	454	452	417
Pennsylvania.....	549	610	536
Ohio.....	234	198	168
Illinois.....	411	280	201
Michigan.....	538	537	2/ 863
Missouri.....	149	105	89
Kansas.....	35	42	83
Virginia.....	1,633	1,804	694
West Virginia.....	431	456	291
Washington.....	7,260	6,890	9,069
Oregon.....	482	458	354
California.....	1,464	1,612	1,443
Other States.....	580	476	912
U. S. Total.....	18,493	18,975	20,470

(1) Includes cannery stocks which heretofore were excluded.

(2) Based upon more complete returns than in earlier years.

Table 6. -- End-of-month pear holdings by States

State	January 1951-55 av.	January 1955	January 1956 (1)
	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bu.</u>	<u>1,000 bxs.</u>
Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut	-	1	-
New York.....	5	4	3
New Jersey.....	10	18	5
Pennsylvania.....	1	-	1
Ohio.....	6	10	3
Illinois.....	1	3	1
Michigan.....	4	7	2
Missouri.....	1	1	1
Kansas.....	1	2	-
Virginia.....	1	1	1
West Virginia.....	-	-	-
Washington.....	237	446	395
Oregon.....	586	596	724
California.....	127	159	122
Other States.....	14	16	6
U. S. Total.....	994	1,264	1,264

(1) Includes cannery stocks which heretofore were excluded.

TABLE 7. -- End-of-month stocks of fruits, vegetables, and nuts

Net changes in stocks during January and comparisons

Fresh apples: Decreased by 7 million bushels; January 1955 decrease was 6 million bushels; average January decrease was 6 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by 611 thousand bushels; January 1955 decrease was 467 thousand bushels; average January decrease was 622 thousand bushels.

Commodity	Unit	January 1951-55 av.	January 1955	December 1955	January 1956
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Apples, fresh:					
Western (1)	Standard boxes	8,844	8,594	12,359	10,181
Western	Other containers	777	646	1,841	1,022
Eastern	Bushel baskets	3,085	3,205	2,858	2,172
Eastern	Other containers	5,787	6,530	10,263	7,095
Total	Bushel	18,493	18,975	27,321	20,470
Pears, fresh:					
Bartletts	Boxes, baskets, etc.	7	3	6	3
Bartletts	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	(2)	-
Other varieties	Boxes, baskets, etc.	979	1,249	1,788	1,086
Other varieties	L.A. lugs	(2)	(2)	(2)	175
Total	Boxes, baskets, etc.	(3) 994	(3) 1,264	(3) 1,809	1,264
Other fruits, vegetables, and nuts:					
Fresh grapes	Pound	(4)	34,461	102,709	54,986
Other fresh fruits . . .	do.	52,140	3,177	9,892	6,518
Dried & evaporated fruits	do.	40,285	33,184	31,376	37,493
Onions	do.	60,250	55,122	56,486	49,042
Celery	do.	550	230	778	458
Other fresh vegetables .	do.	73,980	64,458	35,302	62,096
Nut meats, peanuts . . .	do.	30,110	36,020	61,726	81,488
Nut meats, other nuts . .	do.	20,600	16,911	19,112	25,724
Peanuts, in shell	do.	1,056	739	2,774	4,214
Other nuts, in shell . . .	do.	39,276	18,180	58,673	64,415

(1) Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

(2) Not reported separately prior to January 31, 1956.

(3) In terms of bushels.

(4) Data not available.

TABLE 8. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products, by States,
January 31, 1956

State	Cream		Creamery butter	American cheese	Shell eggs	Frozen eggs	Total poultry
	Fluid	Plastic					
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 cases	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Massachusetts	454	36	917	1,480	4	914	6,616
Other States			557	242	3	219	2,537
New England.			1,474	1,722	7	1,133	9,153
New York	3,173	235	14,886	75,351	10	4,944	23,313
New Jersey.	274		8,414	9,324	8	2,143	8,577
Pennsylvania.	375	195	1,680	10,736	2	2,755	15,681
Middle Atlantic.			24,980	95,411	20	9,842	47,571
Ohio.	192		6,300	16,737	1	2,417	6,475
Indiana			1,070	1,808	1	1,169	1,231
Illinois	154		52,271	33,234	198	8,231	24,357
Michigan.	83		687	9,979	1	794	4,275
Wisconsin	9		2,188	147,584	6	620	1,457
East North Central			62,516	209,342	207	13,231	37,795
Minnesota	15		10,052	13,297	1	1,509	8,590
Iowa.	4		11,179	1,461	1	1,577	3,998
Missouri.	39	186	3,049	50,265	3	6,834	9,564
Dakotas			556	60		10	346
Nebraska.	26		2,856	1,815	13	2,222	14,630
Kansas			827	17,265	7	3,550	2,117
West North Central			28,519	84,163	25	15,702	39,245
South Atlantic			5,129	24,295	11	2,803	18,274
Kentucky.			376	8,848	1	480	1,017
Tennessee			1,383	14,641	4	1,296	1,609
Ala. and Mississippi.			382	3,937		222	1,265
East South Central			2,141	27,426	5	1,998	3,891
Arkansas and Louisiana			1,893	2,282	3	825	2,832
Oklahoma.			1,484	736		403	1,456
Texas	21	13	597	2,593	7	1,586	7,377
West South Central			3,974	5,611	10	2,814	11,665
Colorado.			624	624		1,117	1,748
Other States			170	1,083		99	4,048
Mountain			794	1,707		1,216	5,796
Washington.			202	380	2	579	3,440
Oregon			195	5,620		119	2,985
California	401	12	1,881	5,766	9	2,151	35,362
Pacific.			2,278	11,766	11	2,849	41,787
Other States.	570	48					
United States.	5,790	725	131,805	461,443	296	51,588	215,177

TABLE 9. -- End-of-month stocks of dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during January and comparisons:

Cream: Decreased by 2 million pounds; January 1955 decrease was 1 million pounds; average January decrease was 3 million pounds.

Butter: Decreased by 31 million pounds; January 1955 decrease was 37 million pounds; average January decrease was 11 million pounds.

Cheese: Decreased by 31 million pounds; January 1955 decrease was 26 million pounds; average January decrease was 21 million pounds.

Shell eggs: Increased by 185 thousand cases; January 1955 increase was 42 thousand cases; average January increase was 26 thousand cases.

Frozen eggs: Decreased by 23 million pounds; January 1955 decrease was 9 million pounds; average January decrease was 12 million pounds.

Frozen poultry: Decreased by 13 million pounds; January 1955 decrease was 19 million pounds; average January decrease was 9 million pounds.

Commodity	Unit	January 1951-55 av.	January 1955	December 1955	January 1956
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Cream, milk, and butter:					
Fluid cream	Pound	7,946	4,498	6,960	5,790
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)	do.	1,148	377	1,078	725
Condensed milk (bulk)	do.	6,452	2,510	7,607	6,899
Evap. and Cond, milk (case goods)	do.	19,511	12,770	35,046	13,562
Butter, creamery.	do.	162,128	341,655	163,136	131,805
Cheese:					
American Cheddar.	do.	281,610	492,833	492,124	461,443
Swiss, including block	do.	9,742	10,065	6,691	7,124
All other varieties	do.	18,746	19,778	20,070	19,340
Total cheese.	do.	310,098	522,676	518,885	487,907
Eggs:					
Shell	Case	148	235	111	296
Frozen eggs, total.	Pound	44,737	66,245	74,354	51,588
Whites.	do.	12,000	21,222	17,443	10,626
Yolks	do.	11,272	16,406	23,464	17,987
Whole or mixed.	do.	18,210	24,952	29,306	19,835
Unclassified	do.	3,255	3,665	4,141	3,140
Dried eggs (egg solids)	do.	22,705	1,497	3,943	2,791
Total eggs (1).	Case	3,536	2,103	2,429	1,910
Poultry, frozen:					
Broilers or fryers	Pound	24,737	23,905	25,048	24,839
Roasters.	do.	13,595	8,794	7,868	8,042
Hens, fowls	do.	64,509	51,717	59,912	49,476
Turkeys	do.	125,011	124,030	95,018	96,485
Ducks	do.	6,560	7,508	8,013	6,324
Miscellaneous	do.	11,815	12,346	7,314	7,175
Unclassified	do.	26,497	22,996	25,205	22,836
Total poultry	do.	272,724	251,296	228,378	215,177

(1) Case equivalent. Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 38.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10.2 pounds to the case.

Table 10. — Commodities stored in public general cold storage warehouses,
November 30, 1955

Cooler commodities	Net weight	Freezer commodities	Net weight
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>		<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Apples.....	224,064	Cream.....	9,337
Pears.....	37,800	Butter, creamery.....	162,890
Other fresh fruits.....	54,453	Eggs.....	91,542
Fresh vegetables.....	68,806	Poultry.....	230,749
Dried & evap. fruits.....	23,495	Fruits.....	342,952
Nuts & nut meats.....	93,221	Juices.....	134,755
Cheese.....	396,840	Vegetables.....	492,960
Other dairy products.....	77,009	Beef.....	110,671
Shell eggs.....	12,330	Veal.....	9,017
Dried eggs.....	3,579	Pork.....	111,403
Beef.....	1,445	Lamb and mutton.....	5,836
Pork.....	1,571	Edible offal.....	24,178
Sausage.....	517	Sausage.....	3,416
Canned meats.....	14,105	Fish.....	159,423
Lard.....	4,274	Miscellaneous.....	56,813
Fish.....	18,198		
Miscellaneous.....	112,371		
Total.....	1,144,078	Total.....	1,945,942

Table 11. — End-of-month stocks of certain commodities in storage owned by the
Government (1)

	Unit	January 1951-55 av.	January 1955	December 1955	January 1956 (2)
		<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	129,616	309,982	134,638	100,764
American Cheddar cheese.....	do.	121,230	341,452	278,924	232,670
Shell eggs.....	Case	22	21	15	(4)
Frozen eggs.....	lb.	32	80	35	(4)
Poultry.....	do.	9,001	3,389	3,115	(4)
Pork.....	do.	(3)	12,513	6,152	5,365
Beef.....	do.	(3)	9,678	8,270	7,544

(1) Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed Services, and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed Services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available.

(2) Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

(3) Data not available.

(4) Discontinued.

TABLE 12. — End-of-month stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during January and comparisons:

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 36 million pounds; January 1955 decrease was 30 million pounds; average January decrease was 26 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 70 million pounds; January 1955 decrease was 72 million pounds; average January decrease was 58 million pounds.

Frozen orange juice: Increased by 7 million gallons; January 1955 increase was 5 million gallons; average January increase was 4 million gallons.

Commodity	January 1951-55 av.	January 1955	December 1955	January 1956
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
Fruits, frozen:				
Apples	29,984	36,555	37,080	42,566
Apricots	3,679	2,635	7,350	6,972
Blackberries	10,565	11,698	11,365	9,910
Blueberries	16,309	24,423	21,753	19,003
Cherries	47,967	50,084	64,170	57,288
Grapes	15,123	14,155	12,311	11,727
Peaches	23,346	27,307	35,358	32,963
Plums and prunes	8,209	8,916	9,309	8,923
Raspberries	24,396	31,743	32,043	28,895
Strawberries	94,048	95,250	141,422	122,457
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	8,659	10,622	14,828	13,185
All other fruits	28,923	34,775	33,103	30,422
Total	311,208	348,163	420,092	384,311
Juices, frozen:				
Orange juice	139,493	190,838	150,481	222,709
Gallons equivalent (1)	14,090	19,277	15,200	22,496
Other fruit juices and purees	75,053	104,595	99,429	100,594
Vegetables, frozen:				
Asparagus	10,664	11,581	14,479	11,900
Beans, lima	76,679	95,083	98,265	84,776
Beans, snap	51,851	68,144	81,061	68,836
Broccoli	32,546	27,744	31,297	30,174
Brussels sprouts	19,986	27,852	22,701	20,293
Cauliflower	14,533	12,147	17,719	17,875
Corn, sweet	51,245	84,471	65,717	57,307
Mixed vegetables	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)11,956
Peas, green	110,679	99,864	124,647	100,702
Peas and carrots, mixed	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)6,154
Potatoes, french fried	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)13,911
Spinach	29,079	19,232	32,767	28,226
All other vegetables	107,271	130,863	135,396	101,574
Total	504,533	576,981	624,049	553,684

(1) Converted on the basis of 9.9 pounds per gallon.

(2) Data not available. (3) No estimates made for late reporters.

TABLE 13. — End-of-month stocks of meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during January and comparisons

Beef: Increased by 4 million pounds; January 1955 change was a decrease of 13 million pounds; average January change was an increase of 1 million pounds.

Pork: Increased by 61 million pounds; January 1955 increase was 52 million pounds; average January increase was 110 million pounds.

Other meats: Increased by 9 million pounds; January 1955 change was a decrease of 1 million pounds; average January change was an increase of 4 million pounds.

Commodity	January 1951-55 av. 1,000 pounds	January 1955 1,000 pounds	December 1955 1,000 pounds	January 1956 1,000 pounds
Beef:				
Frozen	202,238	165,681	195,042	199,125
In cure, cured and smoked	11,665	9,070	10,349	10,687
Total	213,903	174,751	205,391	209,812
Pork:				
Frozen	379,378	354,483	307,851	357,435
Dry salt, in cure and cured	43,208	37,147	27,856	29,392
Other in cure, cured, and smoked	149,953	109,217	85,109	94,725
Total	572,539	500,847	420,816	481,552
Other meats and meat products:				
Sausage and sausage room products	15,924	13,848	14,460	16,116
Frozen lamb and mutton	12,991	8,767	10,630	10,440
Frozen veal	17,619	19,164	19,000	18,374
Canned meats and meat products	41,854	60,035	36,649	46,386
All edible offal	63,995	60,754	69,741	67,846
Total	152,383	162,568	150,480	159,162
Total all meats	938,825	838,166	776,687	850,526
Hides and pelts	67,638	95,962	78,249	78,255

Table 14. -- End-of-month stocks of fishery products (1)

Species	January 1951-55 av. (2)	January 1955	December 1955	January 1956
	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
Frozen fish:				
Bait & animal food (salt & fresh-water).....		6,035	6,992	6,456
Salt-water:				
Filletts and steaks:				
Blocks and slabs.....		12,585	13,110	11,708
Cod.....		9,000	6,951	7,583
Flounder.....		2,808	5,715	5,513
Haddock.....		11,203	6,607	6,450
Halibut.....		1,266	2,066	2,227
Ocean perch.....		14,303	16,447	13,065
Pollock.....		944	1,951	1,674
Salmon.....		152	478	442
Whiting (incl. split "butterfly").....		978	1,911	1,109
Other filletts and steaks.....		4,045	3,908	3,203
Fish sticks or pieces (cooked & uncooked, all species).....		4,727	6,087	6,469
Round, dressed, etc.:				
Halibut.....		14,557	12,857	9,233
Mackerel (Except Spanish).....		1,532	1,813	1,625
Sablefish.....		2,855	3,548	3,138
Salmon:				
King or chinook.....		4,117	3,114	2,571
Silver or coho.....		3,343	2,679	2,157
Fall or chum.....		806	563	844
Unclassified.....		1,229	854	344
Smelt.....		572	887	909
Swordfish.....		1,676	1,481	1,423
Tuna.....		158	2,823	1,019
Whiting, headed and gutted.....		7,297	11,834	10,590
Other salt-water fish (except bait)...		19,950	16,987	15,418
Fresh-water:				
Filletts and steaks.....		2,325	846	843
Round, dressed, etc.:				
Chubs.....		1,095	1,252	1,276
Trout.....		1,750	1,171	1,264
Whitefish.....		1,820	1,356	1,642
Other fresh-water fish (except bait)...		3,976	3,979	4,280
Frozen shellfish:				
Crabs (incl. crab meat).....		733	1,471	1,458
Lobster tails (spiny).....		3,089	3,632	3,172
Oysters.....		537	520	422
Scallops.....		1,365	2,680	2,203
Shrimp, raw and headless.....		23,184	17,369	20,574
all other.....		5,306	5,296	6,407
Squid.....		886	2,116	801
Other shellfish.....		2,797	1,946	2,919
Total frozen fish and shellfish.....		175,001	175,297	162,431
Cured fish.....		12,051	18,352	17,747
Total all fish and shellfish.....		187,052	193,649	180,178

(1) Data furnished by the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

(2) Discontinued.

TABLE 15.-- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, January 31, 1956

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Fruits, frozen:											
Apples	Pound	1,985	19,350	7,349	1,756	9,483	302	406	222	1,713	42,566
Apricots	do.	118	435	893	269	93	9	226	314	4,615	6,972
Blackberries	do.	34	919	1,040	1,591	426	756	223	54	4,867	9,910
Blueberries	do.	2,971	5,248	5,597	2,708	851	98	101	118	1,311	19,003
Cherries	do.	349	27,423	16,252	3,935	2,103	788	752	1,260	4,426	57,288
Grapes	do.	8	6,206	5,014	243	53	29	25	36	113	11,727
Peaches	do.	702	7,726	4,839	1,783	5,897	587	1,084	434	9,911	32,963
Plums and prunes	do.	59	2,649	3,208	181	76	190	185	47	2,328	8,923
Raspberries	do.	1,225	5,664	4,246	2,898	427	273	212	402	13,548	28,895
Strawberries	do.	5,573	17,996	14,042	10,869	4,202	3,825	3,268	1,365	61,317	122,457
Youngberries, Loganberries, etc.	do.	14	746	1,048	285	67	20	118	145	10,742	13,185
All other fruits	do.	4,977	5,907	4,822	2,114	1,201	631	1,021	197	9,552	30,422
Total	do.	18,015	100,269	68,350	28,632	24,879	7,508	7,621	4,594	124,443	384,311
Juices, frozen:											
Orange juice (1)	do.	2,943	17,018	11,625	4,989	159,937	1,197	2,436	2,479	20,085	222,709
Other fruit juices and purees	do.	3,043	27,193	13,288	6,382	25,191	1,049	7,615	670	16,163	100,594
Vegetables, frozen:											
Asparagus	do.	561	3,601	1,168	877	1,881	301	349	186	2,976	11,900
Beans, lima	do.	934	18,077	7,114	7,112	13,416	3,029	1,430	2,927	30,737	84,776
Beans, snap	do.	1,698	25,755	4,846	2,381	8,376	1,565	1,081	273	22,861	68,836
Broccoli	do.	898	6,948	2,330	2,104	2,810	707	991	413	12,973	30,174
Brussels sprouts	do.	347	3,667	1,484	2,036	945	733	433	274	10,374	20,293
Cauliflower	do.	470	4,501	1,309	1,602	1,990	468	864	244	6,427	17,875
Corn, sweet	do.	1,049	13,430	5,806	13,169	3,671	1,006	1,504	764	16,908	57,307
Mixed vegetables	do.	129	1,635	648	1,609	766	174	239	73	6,683	11,956
Peas, green	do.	5,169	24,789	8,075	11,924	4,956	1,442	2,111	2,617	39,619	100,702
Peas and carrots, mixed	do.	102	1,392	284	808	425	79	124	91	2,849	6,154
Potatoes, french fried	do.	3,434	2,861	979	321	873	289	208	2,765	2,181	13,911
Spinach	do.	723	10,814	1,702	1,378	3,085	853	1,211	240	8,220	28,226
All other vegetables	do.	2,077	20,857	13,696	10,679	16,556	10,283	3,662	686	23,078	101,574
Total	do.	17,591	138,327	49,441	56,000	59,750	20,929	14,207	11,553	185,886	553,684
Fruits, vegetables and nuts:											
Fresh grapes	do.	1	109	2,993	308	27	14	-	-	51,534	54,986
Other fresh fruits	do.	9	1,855	644	283	1,116	153	96	-	2,362	6,518
Dried and evaporated fruits	do.	578	25,029	5,212	778	857	162	453	16	4,408	37,493
Onions	do.	-	24,330	14,399	34	33	-	55	-	10,191	49,042
Celery	do.	-	385	38	28	7	-	-	-	-	458
Other fresh vegetables	do.	536	8,290	8,525	4,490	671	650	1,211	24,878	12,845	62,096
Peanut meats	do.	1,455	923	5,960	231	47,508	2,932	22,088	-	391	81,488
Other nut meats	do.	906	4,535	3,210	1,550	851	411	2,243	80	11,938	25,724
Peanuts, in shell	do.	34	169	1,904	129	1,781	9	73	-	115	4,214
Other nuts, in shell	do.	81	1,004	3,160	5,534	12,580	981	23,261	15	17,799	64,415
Fresh apples	Bushel	1,702	5,039	1,313	201	1,132	30	121	67	10,865	20,470
Fresh pears	Boxes(2)	-	9	8	1	2	-	3	-	1,241	1,264

(1) Concentrated and single strength.
 (2) Standard boxes, bushel baskets, lugs, etc.

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TABLE 15.-- Cold storage holdings, by geographic regions, January 31, 1956 -- Continued

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
		Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Dairy products and eggs:											
Cream (not including plastic) . . .	Pound	540	3,822	438	84	125	274	59	22	426	5,790
Cream, plastic	do.	36	430	-	186	-	-	13	48	12	725
Butter, creamery	do.	1,474	24,980	62,516	28,519	5,129	2,141	3,974	794	2,278	131,805
Cheese, American Cheddar	do.	1,722	95,411	209,342	84,163	24,295	27,426	5,611	1,707	11,766	461,443
Cheese, Swiss including block . . .	do.	-	501	4,865	1,148	6	3	39	450	112	7,124
Cheese, all other varieties	do.	702	6,522	8,888	1,336	661	218	277	211	525	19,340
Eggs, shell	Case	7	20	207	25	11	5	10	-	11	296
Eggs, frozen	Pound	1,133	9,842	13,231	15,702	2,803	1,998	2,814	1,216	2,849	51,588
Eggs, dried (egg solids)	do.	29	199	222	1,955	256	-	11	1	118	2,791
Poultry, frozen:											
Broilers or fryers	do.	890	4,507	3,539	2,967	5,146	765	2,899	362	3,764	24,839
Roasters	do.	1,628	3,807	1,047	670	272	14	184	16	404	8,042
Hens, fowls	do.	1,830	15,073	6,821	15,964	1,279	284	1,520	111	6,594	49,476
Turkeys	do.	3,898	17,559	13,962	16,038	7,094	1,349	5,902	4,157	26,526	96,485
Ducks	do.	334	3,053	1,590	304	408	70	108	53	404	6,324
Miscellaneous	do.	451	1,549	2,053	1,876	172	95	149	100	730	7,175
Unclassified	do.	122	2,023	8,783	1,426	3,903	1,314	903	997	3,365	22,836
Total	do.	9,153	47,571	37,795	39,245	18,274	3,891	11,665	5,796	41,787	215,177
Meats, meat products and fish:											
Beef, frozen	do.	14,425	25,030	59,649	39,517	7,072	6,916	16,148	4,747	25,621	199,125
Veal, frozen	do.	1,127	3,559	5,242	3,070	797	529	2,536	223	1,291	18,374
Pork, frozen	do.	8,856	26,102	123,973	135,636	15,582	11,073	14,220	3,911	18,982	357,435
Lamb and mutton, frozen	do.	619	2,706	2,586	1,653	174	82	1,187	456	977	10,440
Beef, in cure, cured and smoked . .	do.	164	2,995	3,092	2,967	515	8	491	28	427	10,687
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured . .	do.	185	595	8,056	14,333	2,962	466	1,320	952	523	29,392
All other pork, in cure, cured and smoked	do.	780	9,710	17,067	48,587	5,462	1,403	4,338	2,160	5,218	94,725
All edible offal	do.	1,041	7,077	21,247	26,996	2,164	2,359	2,113	2,094	2,755	67,846
Sausage room products	do.	214	2,681	4,418	5,135	1,185	409	464	174	1,436	16,116
Canned meats and meat products . .	do.	4,660	10,558	12,674	13,986	888	348	851	214	2,207	46,386
Total	do.	32,071	91,013	257,104	291,880	36,801	23,593	43,668	14,959	59,437	850,526
Hides and pelts	do.	8,529	469	27,038	33,773	2,004	303	2,770	1,910	1,459	78,255
Fish, frozen	do.	43,591	33,342	21,797	9,674	9,332	10,470	2,618	1,366 (1)	130,241	162,431

(1) Includes fish in Alaska.

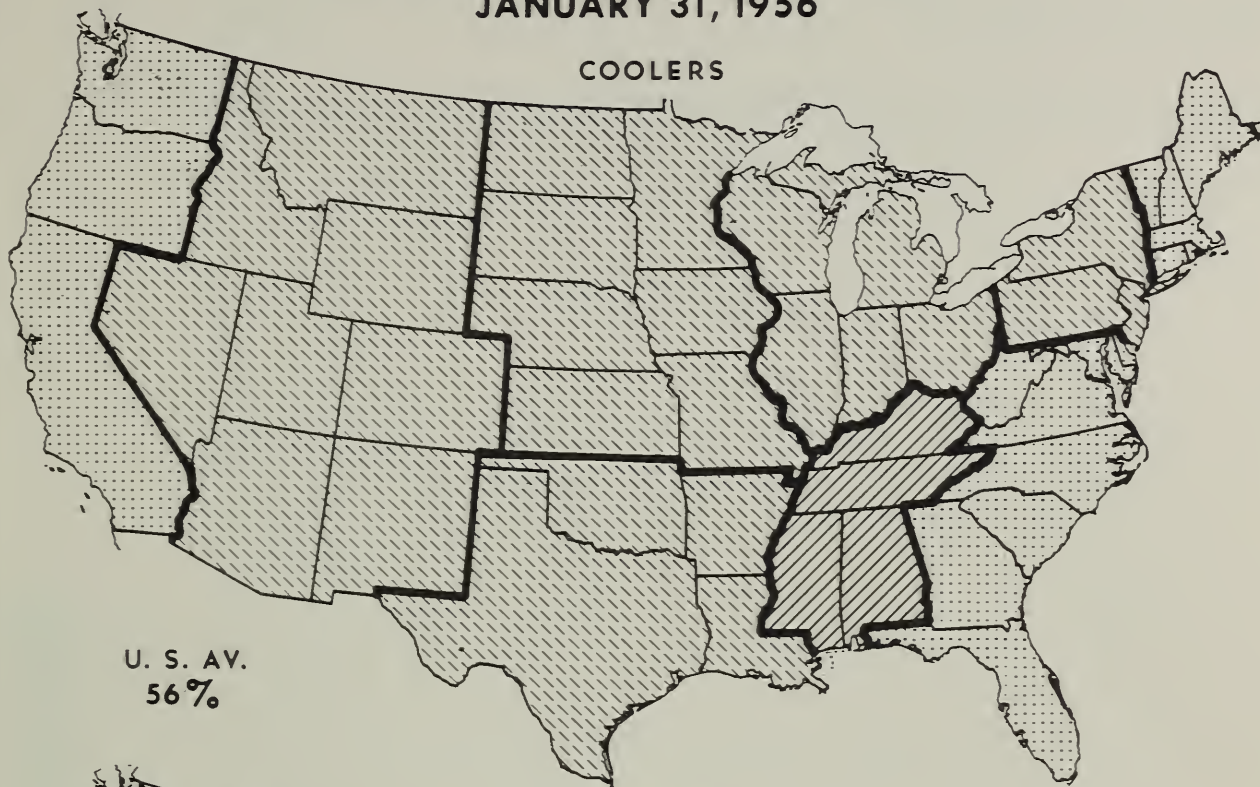
PUBLIC GENERAL COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES

(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED

JANUARY 31, 1956

COOLERS



U. S. AV.
56%

FREEZERS



U. S. AV.
70%

% OCCUPANCY

Under 55 55 - 64 65 - 74 75 - 84 85 & over

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